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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

26 June 1964

THROUGH : Deputy Director of Security (PPS)

FROM : Chief, Interrogation Research Division

SUBJECT : Field Administration of Polygraph and Medical Examinations

1. Attached is a memorandum for your signature to the Executive Officer, DD/S regarding a proposal titled "Security and Medical Support in the Recruitment of Professional Personnel." This proposal was originally sent to the Director of Personnel in September of 1962.

2. I would like to bring to your attention that in theory the proposal may be feasible, however, in practice, it is quite impractical. The reasons for this position are as follows:

A. Added Costs

To establish field Polygraph offices either permanent or temporary throughout the United States, in order to satisfy the requirements, would mean an additional cost to the Agency in Personnel, Administration, and Logistic Support.

B. Operational Problems

In the event Polygraph interviews would be handled on a TDY basis, it is envisioned that two examiners would be on the road continuously creating numerous problems, i. e., securing safe houses, recording facilities, and not the least of these, an expeditious means of communications to Headquarters in regard to the results of cases.

C. Policy Questions

Probably the most serious questions to arise are: "Would the examiner have the authority to disapprove on the spot?" If so, on what basis? Would it be on Polygraph alone, without the benefit of an investigation? It is hopeful the examiner would never be put in this position. It is felt that any decision to disapprove should

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be at the Headquarters level where the reviewing official has benefit of both the investigation file and the Polygraph report.

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3. In discussion with Medics ( [REDACTED] ) regarding this matter, they have indicated they would have extreme difficulty in accepting such a proposal. Their chief concern is it would be almost impossible to give the same professional evaluation of an applicant in the field that can be made at Headquarters. Also, the additional cost would be exorbitant. They further added, if field stations were established, they couldn't afford having physicians and psychiatrists sitting around waiting for work as could well be the case.



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